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SUBJECT: SECVISIT: STATE HOUSE REMARKS SEPT 16.

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE REMARKS OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA
DELIVERED AT STATE HOUSE AT 1715 HOURS (LOCAL TIME) THIS
AFTERNOON (SEPTEMBER 16).

WELL, MR. SECRETARY OF STATE MAY I SAY FIRST OF ALL WELCOME TO
ZAMBIA AGAIN, WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF THE PARTY, GOVERNMENT
AND PEOPLE OF ZAMBIA BECAUSE WE LIKE TO BELIEVE MR. SECRETARY
THAT YOUR PRESIDENT, YOU YOURSELF AND YOUR ADMINISTRATION
ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING THE PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA TO FIND
A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THEIR PROBLEMS. INDEED WE PRAY VERY HARD
THAT YOU SHOULD SUCCEED BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T SUCCEED I CAN
ONLY USE MR. VOSTER'S OWN WORDS "THE ALTERNATIVE WILL BE
TOO GHASTLY TO CONTEMPLATE". ON OUR PART I CAN ASSURE
YOU THAT WE WANT TO SEEK PEACE BUT WE WANT PEACE FOR EVERY
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HUMAN BEING IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. WE WANT PEACE

WITH HONOR, WE WANT PEACE WITH JUSTICE AND FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE. LESS THAN THAT IS NOT PEACE AT ALL. AT LEAST WE WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE TYPE OF PEACE THAT IS SIMPLY THE EXCESS OF WAR. WE WANT PEACE, MR. SECRETARY OF STAE, THAT MEANS DIGNITY AND MAN'S HONOR, PEACE AND FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE AND JUSTICE. THESE ARE THE PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH YOUR GOVERNMENT STANDS AND I BELIEVE THIS IS WHAT HAS PROPELLED YOUR ADMINISTRATION TO SEND YOU OUT HERE ONCE AGAIN. IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS WE WILL BE ABLE TO KNOW WHETHER YOUR MISSION WILL SUCCEED OR NOT. FORTUNATELY FOR FOR US, OUR STAND IS VERY CLEAR. SOME FEW YEARS BACK, LEADERS OF EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA MET HERE IN LUSAKA AND THEY WORKED OUT WHAT WAS BEING CALLED THE LUSAKA MANIFESTO ON SOUTHERN AFRICA. THIS MANIFESTO BECAME AN OAU DOCUMENT. LATER ON IT BECAME A UN DOCUMENT AND BOTH YOUR GREAT COUNTRY AND MINE ARE MEMBERS OF THE UN AND THEREFORE WE MUST SUBSCRIBE TO THE CONTENTS OF THIS DOCUMENT. THIS DOCUMENT STATES VERY CLEARLY THAT AFRICA, BLACK AFRICA, ACCEPTS MEN AND WOMEN OF ALL RACES. WE WANT THEM TO MAKE THEIR HOMES THERE BECAUSE NOT SO MUCH BECAUSE OF THEIR SKILLS AND THAT THEY ARE FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS, MADE BY THE SAME CREATOR AS THE ONE WHO MADE US. THIS DOCUMENT STATES VERY CLEARLY THAT WE ACCEPT A SOUTH AFRICA AS INDEPENDENT, BUT ABHOR AND INDEED WE WILL FIGHT APARTHEID IN ANY SHAPE OF FORM. I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT, MR. SECRETARY, THAT MR. VORSTER WOULD HELP US BY ACCEPTING THE SINCERITY, THE HONEST PURPOSE BEHIND THIS DOCUMENT AND HELP YOU BECAUSE, BY THE ACCIDENT OF YOUR BIRTH, YOU HAPPEN TO BE WHITE AND WHERE WE FAILED BECAUSE WE CARRIED THE WRONG COLOR, HAVE HAD THE RIGHT PASSPORT AND THEREFORE I HOPE THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE SENSE AND ACCEPT THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR MISSION. FAILING THAT, MR. SECRETARY OF STAE, I CAN ONLY USE HIS OWN WORDS - "THE ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TOO GHASTLY TO CONTEMPLATE." WE DEMAND WHAT IS RIGHT AND FAIR AND JUST TO ALL MEN OVER THE QUESTION OF RHODESIA, THE ZIMBABWE-TO-B. DEMAND WHAT IS FAIR, JUST AND FAIR TO MEN, OVER THE QUESTION OF NAMIBIA. WE WANT MAJORITY RULE IMMEDIATELY. WE WANT COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF THE ABOMINABLE POLICY, POLICY IF IT IS AT ALL OF APARTHEID. PHILOSOPHY IF IT IS AT ALL. IF WE FAIL TO GET THAT PEACEFULLY, THE MANIFESTO SAYS, FIGHT. WE PRAY VERY STRONGLY THAT MR. SECRETARY OF STATE HAS INFORMED PRESIDENT FORD THAT THIS, THAT FOR US THERE CAN BE NO COMPROMISE OVER THE ISSUE OF FREEDOM, INDEPENDENCE, PEACE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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JUSTICE. NOT ONLY THE PEACE, WE DON'T ACCEPT THAT.

4. SECRETARY OF STATE WE HAVE NO ROMANTIC VIEWS ABOUT ARMED STRUGGLE, NONE AT ALL. WE DON'T LIKE TO SEE LIVES WASTED, BUT WHAT ALTERNATIVE ARE WE LEFT WITH, EXCEPT TO FIGHT, TO HELP OBTAIN FOR THE PEOPLE OF RHODESIA WHAT WE HAVE FOR OURSELVES. YES, WE WILL FIGHT, UNTIL THE LAST MAN IF NECESSARY. WE FEEL STRONGLY BECAUSE THERE IS NO OTHER REASON WHY THE BLACK PEOPLE

OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD BE TREATED ANY DIFFERENTLY FROM HOW WE TREAT OURSELVES HERE. GOD MADE THEM BLACK. IT IS NOT A SIN, MR. SECRETARY TO BE BLACK. SO WE MUST FIGHT. IF THE MISSION FAILS, WE WILL FIGHT. I HAVE MADE IT CLEAR SEVERAL TIMES TO YOUR AMBASSADORS HERE AND AMBASSADORS IN WESTERN COUNTRIES THAT THE SYSTEM THEY SUPPORT, FINANCIAL MEANS, IS NOT CHRISTIAN. I HAVE SAID ON THE PERSONAL BIT, WE CAN'T UNDERSTAND THOSE PEOPLE, THE WHITE PEOPLE OF RHODESIA, WHITE MEN IN SOUTH AFRICA WHITE MEN IN NAMIBIA CALLING THEMSELVES CHRISTIAN. I CAN'T. I DON'T KNOW THAT GOD THEY PRAY TO. I DON'T UNDERSTAND HIM. THE GOD I BELIEVE IN IS A GOD OF LOVE OF HUMAN RACES AS A WHOLE. DE DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE. IN SHORT WHAT I AM SAYING MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, IF YOU FAIL, IF YOUR MISSION FAILS, WE WILL FIGHT. WE DON'T MAKE ARMS HERE, NO AFIRCAN COUNTRY MAKES ARMS, SO WE HAVE TO GET THEM FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE. THE WEST WON'T GIVE THEM TO US. WE WILL GET THEM FROM WHOEVER IS READY TO GIVE THEM TO US. IT IS NOT A MATTER OF BEING NEGLECTED. WE HOPE YOUR MISSION SUCCEEDS. YOU ARE HERE FOR THE SECOND TIME WITHIN A SPACE OF SIX MONTHS. WE ACCEPT YOUR SINCERITY BUT I AM AFRAID YOUR MISSION WILL NEED MORE THAN SINCERITY AND HONEST PURPOSE. YOU ARE DEALING WITH PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIVE IN THIS WORLD. THEY LIVE IN A DIFFERENT WORLD. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR AMBASSADORS HAVE TOLD YOU ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA, BUT I AM SURE YOU HAVE READ ENOUGH TO KNOW WHY WE FEEL SO STRONGLY ABOUT THIS. COMPROMISE, THERE IS NONE, MR. SECRETARY. YOUR MISSION HAS GOT TO SUCEED. IF IT FAILS, WE FIGHT. THE DESTRUCTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY THAT WILL FOLLOW IS MISERABLE. THOSE WHO HAVE INVESTED IN NAMIBIA, WILL HAVE TO ACCEPT THE DIRE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT HAPPENS. IT'S REALLY INCREDIBLE. I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE WEST AT ALL. I HAVE MET THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND I HOPE THAT YOUR ABILITY TO IMPRESS ON YOUR FELLOW MEN IN THIS CASE, YOUR FELLOW WESTERNERS, WILL BE ABLE TO IMPRESS THEM SO MUCH THAT THEY CAN ACT WITH YOU

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ON THIS ISSUE. IN MY OPINION, IT IS HUMBLE. I DON'T THINK THE U.S. ACTING ALONE WILL SUCCEED. YOU MIGHT HAVE TO CALL UPON SOME OF YOUR COLLEAGUES, WESTERN COUNTRIES TO JOIN YOU BUT TIME IS NOT WITH YOU. WHO KNEW THAT I WOULD EVER MEET MR. VORSTER, SHAKE HIS HAND. ALL IN THE COURSE OF THE MANIFESTO ON SOUTHERN AFRICA I HAVE TO DO THAT. LITERALLY I WENT TO CAPE TOWN. I DID NOT GO THERE PHYSICALLY BUT I MET MR. VORSTER HERE ON ZAMBIAN SOIL. I HAVE NEVER DREAMT OF DOING THAT. BUT I KNEW WELL THAT FAILURE TO NEGOTIATE WITH HIM I CAN'T DO MORE ON BEHALF OF THE ZAMBIAN PEOPLE TO THEIR PARTY, OTHER THAN TO IMPRESS UPON YO MR. SECRETARY THAT YOUR MISSION IS VERY IMPORTANT. YOU ONLY HAVE A FEW DAYS, NOT WEEKS, TO SUCCEED. IF YOU FAIL, WE SHALL REACH A POINT OF NO RETURN. MAY GOD HELP YOU IN YOUR MISSION.

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